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DOE To Host Public Meeting on Moab Mill Tailings Transportation Options

(Grand Junction, CO) — The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) next week will host a public meeting to discuss options being evaluated for transporting the uranium mill tailings from the former Moab millsite to the Crescent Junction disposal site, both in Utah. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2008, at the Grand Center, 182 North 500 West Street, in Moab, beginning at 6:30 p.m. DOE also will provide an update on Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project (UMTRA) activities.

DOE's contractor for the Moab UMTRA Project, Energy Solutions, analyzed several options for transporting the contaminated materials that DOE is currently evaluating to determine the safest, most cost-effective approach for the life-cycle of the project. "The public has asked for the opportunity to provide input into the decision-making process on how the tailings will be transported to Crescent Junction for disposal," said Donald Metzler, Moab Federal Project Director. "We look forward to hearing their comments."

While it evaluates tailings transportation options, DOE and its contractors continue to maintain and operate the Moab and Crescent Junction sites.

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